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Supporting the goals and ideals of senior caregiving and affordability.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TERRY submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred
to the Committee on Education and Labor

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of senior caregiving and
affordability.

Whereas 8,000 people in the United States turn 60 years old
every day;

Whereas an estimated 35,900,000 people, 12.4 percent of the
population, are 65 years of age and older;

Whereas the United States population age 65 and older is ex-
pected to more than double in the next 50 years to
86,700,000 in 2050;

Whereas the 85 and older population is projected to reach
9,600,000 in 2030 and double again to 20,900,000 in
2050;

Whereas it is estimated that 4,500,000 people in the United
States have Alzheimer's disease today;

Whereas it is estimated that number will increase to between 11,300,000 and 16,000,000 by 2050;

Whereas 70 percent of people with Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias live at home, and these individuals are examples of individuals who need assistance in their homes with their “activities of daily living”;

Whereas currently over 25 percent of all seniors need some level of assistance with their “activities of daily living”;

Whereas in order to address the surging population of seniors who have significant needs for in-home care, the field of senior caregiving will continue to grow;

Whereas there are an estimated 44,000,000 adults in the United States providing care to adult relatives or friends and an estimated 725,000 nonfamily private paid senior caregivers;

Whereas both unpaid family caregivers and paid caregivers work together to serve the daily living needs of seniors who live in their own homes;

Whereas the Department of Labor estimated that paid caregivers for the year 2006 worked a total of 835,000,000 hours, and the projected hours of paid senior caregivers are estimated to increase to 4,350,000,000 hours by 2025; and

Whereas the longer a senior is able to provide for his or her own care, the less burden is placed on public payment systems in State and Federal governments: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring), That Congress—*

1 (1) focuses on learning more about senior care
2 and being prepared to manage the needs of our
3 aging population;

4 (2) recognizes caregiving as a profession;

5 (3) supports the efforts of family caregivers na-
6 tionwide by encouraging individuals to provide care
7 to family, friends, and neighbors;

8 (4) fosters a private home care industry envi-
9 ronment that supports enterprise to provide acces-
10 sible and affordable caregiving services to seniors
11 while providing standardized training to paid care-
12 givers that offers opportunity for their continued
13 growth and development;

14 (5) studies alternatives to make caregiving for
15 seniors even more accessible and affordable, and re-
16 views Federal policies that relate to caregiving for
17 seniors;

18 (6) examines and continues to fund current
19 Federal programs which address the accessibility
20 and affordability needs of seniors and their family
21 caregivers; and

22 (7) encourages the Secretary of Health and
23 Human Services to continue working to educate peo-
24 ple in the United States on the impact of aging and
25 the importance of knowing the options available to

- 1 seniors when they need care to meet their personal
- 2 needs.

